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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE FILING OF A  
CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

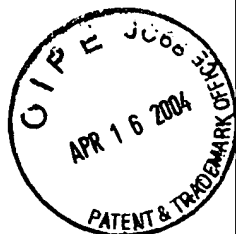
Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of Application No. 09/996,079, filed November 28, 2001, by Robert Blake et al.

Enclosed is a true copy of Prior Application Serial No. 09/996,079 as filed and a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) verifying it.

Please amend the originally filed application in accordance with the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Under 35 U.S.C. Section 120, Applicants claim priority to the earlier effective filing dates of the following Applications: 09/996,079 filed November 28, 2001; 09/154,020 filed September 16, 1998; 08/931,691 filed September 16, 1997; Application Serial No. 09/071,512 filed May 1, 1998; Application Serial No. 08/916,694 filed August 22, 1997; Application Serial No. 08/869,164 filed June 4, 1997; Application Serial No. 08/846,219 filed April 25, 1997; Application Serial No. 08/838,501 filed April 7, 1997; Application Serial No. 08/820,540 filed March 19, 1997, which is a Continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/753,367 filed November 25, 1996; Application Serial No. 08/645,331 filed September 24, 1996; Application Serial No. 08/615,054 filed March 12, 1996; Application Serial No. 08/573,949 filed December



18, 1995; Application Serial No. 08/292,237 filed May 17, 1994; Application Serial No. 08/365,193 filed December 28, 1994; Application Serial No. 08/293,493 filed August 19, 1994; Application Serial No. 08/561,479 filed November 20, 1995; Application Serial No. 08/278,109 filed November 24, 1995; Application Serial No. 08/489,305 filed June 9, 1995; Application Serial No. 08/476,069 filed June 7, 1995; Application Serial No. 08/584,135 filed January 11, 1996; Application Serial No. 08/651,951 filed May 21, 1996; Application Serial No. 08/489,305 filed June 9, 1995; Application Serial No. 07/821,917 filed January 16, 1992, now abandoned; Application Serial No. 07/583,421 filed September 17, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 5,260,553, and Application Serial No. 07/580,740 filed September 11, 1990, now abandoned. Each said patent application is assigned to and commonly owned by Metrologic Instruments, Inc. of Blackwood, New Jersey, and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The prior Application Serial No. 09/996,079 has been assigned to Metrologic Instruments, Inc. A copy of the Patent Assignment executed by the inventors is transmitted herewith.

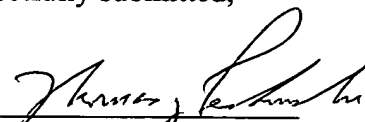
The power of attorney in the prior Application Serial No. 09/996,079 has been granted to Thomas J. Perkowski, Reg. 33,134. Copies of the Combined Declaration of Inventorship/Power of Attorney and the Substitute Declaration are transmitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dated: April 16, 2004

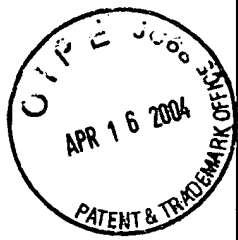
  
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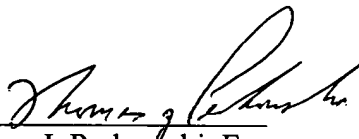
**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced new Continuation Application, Applicants hereby request approval of proposed changes to Figs. 4C, 4C (second drawing labeled as such), 5D, 6A, 8C, 8M, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 which are indicated in red ink on the sheets filed herewith. Applicants also submit herewith Fifty (50) sheets of Formal Drawings for entry in the present Application upon approval of the proposed changes.

Respectfully submitted,

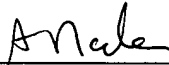
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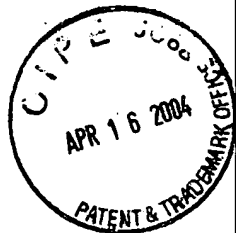
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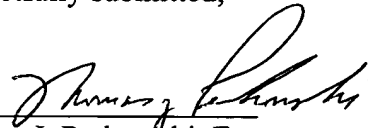
**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

SIR:

Applicants respectfully submit herewith Fifty (50) sheets of Formal Drawings for filing in the present Application. These formalized drawings contain changes set forth in the Request for Approval of Proposed Changes to the Drawings filed herewith.

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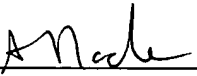
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